

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS
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Amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 21 to read as follows:

a1 Information about the home (such as the number of bedrooms 432, the total square feet 434, the lot size 436, the number of bathrooms 438) is also stored in the record associated with the home identifier 420. Additional features 440 of the home (e.g., whether the home has a pool) are also stored in the home database 400 along with location 442 information and a location rating 444 (e.g., a rating from A to C reflecting the quality of the location of the home). Of course, the location rating may not be stored in the home database 400 but may instead be stored in a separate database (e.g., a database correlating zip codes with location ratings), if desired.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 21 to read as follows:

a2 FIGS. 14A-B illustrate the steps of a process performed by a data processing system, such as remote home viewing system 100, for receiving an offer price from a viewer and notifying the homeowner of the viewer's interest in purchasing the homeowner's home.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 32 to read as follows:

a3 In another embodiment, a homeowner names a price at which he would sell his or her home (and this price may be hidden from viewers). If a viewer offers at least as much as the homeowner's named price, the homeowner may be bound to sell his home. Alternately, a penalty is imposed on the homeowner if he refuses to sell his home (e.g., a percentage increase in the homeowner's mortgage is imposed). According to another embodiment of the present invention, a viewer may also be bound when an offer is accepted by a homeowner. This may, of course, be contingent on the actual condition of the home as compared to the information about the home provided by the homeowner.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 9 to read as follows:

ay Thus, embodiments of the present invention let a homeowner receive payment(s) for agreeing to anonymously let information (e.g., a photograph and/or video images of the features of a home) about his home be provided to a viewer who may, in some cases, pay to receive information about not-for-sale homes that meet certain viewer-set criteria. The present invention may also help anticipate future homes that will be placed on the market. For example, if a homeowner is considering a job transfer that requires relocation, he or she may have an additional incentive to sell a home if the demand level for his home is already known. Thus, this invention may create a market for homes that are otherwise not for sale. Furthermore, viewers may use the system to formulate ideas and preferences for features of homes, and real estate brokers may better anticipate what potential buyers prefer in a home.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 31 to read as follows:

ay In one embodiment, viewers may send anonymous e-mails, via the central server, to the homeowners. These e-mails serve to convey general demand and can even be a request to see the homeowner's home. The homeowner can choose to respond to e-mails from viewers. The homeowner can also submit rules to the central server about criteria that viewers must fulfill before sending e-mail to the homeowner. For example, viewers who have been pre-approved for a mortgage amount that is above a predetermined amount (e.g., enough to purchase certain homes), would be able to inform a homeowner via e-mail of his interest in the homeowner's home. The central server could also store and collect demand for each home, and homeowners can access the collected demand when ready to sell. The central authority contacts viewers stored in association with the pre-approved mortgage and who have expressed interest in the newly available home.
